

***Lisa Elifrits***

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Mrs. Elifrits says, “The Northside is my Family”. She attended Robidoux Middle School and Lafayette High School growing up. When she was entering 7th grade, her mom gave her a choice, of going to the school within her boundaries or going to Robidoux. She chose Robidoux. Lisa’s mom was a math teacher at Lafayette High School, so she was already very familiar with the Northside. Not only was her mom one of her teachers, but all the teachers became a part of her life. They became her family. Teachers were supportive of her decisions, gave her encouragement when she was weak, and motivated her to be STRONG. The NORTHSIDE was always there when she needed them.

Lisa’s mom, Margaret Bangerter instilled in Lisa a LOVE of math. When Lisa was looking for a school to start her career in teaching mathematics, there was no other choice but the St. Joseph School District and the Northside. Mrs. Elifrits was honored to be hired as a math teacher at Lafayette, and proudly taught there for 5 years. She then had the opportunity to come back to her middle school and teach math.

Green runs deep in Mrs. Elifrit’s blood and she considers the Northside her family. Lisa states, “I know I am a STONGer person today, because of the choice I made in 7th grade.”

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